

COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE

City of San Diego Sixth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 24, 2003

TO:

Johna Frye City Manager Michael Uberuaga

FROM:

Councilmember Donna Frye

SUBJECT:

Air Pollution from Wildfires

A medical professional has recently alerted me to the potential health risks posed by the air particulates dispersed by the winds after the recent wildfires.

I would like to know whether the City has taken any steps to evaluate any and all health risks from these air particulates and/or if we are working with the Air Pollution Control District in addressing this health concern.

One possible solution proposed to me was the idea of watering certain sites to minimize the amount of ash that is dispersed into the air, particularly when the winds come up. This would be similar to our requirement to wet down construction sites to minimize the dispersal of dust and other debris.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Cc: Mayor and Councilmembers